



DAVE COLTRANE

More Negro Jobs Seen By Coltrane

The chairman of North Carolina's Good Neighbor Council predicted Friday that with proper cooperation the next decade can become the greatest in history in achieving fair employment for all persons, regardless of race.

Dave Coltrane, named last year by Gov. Sanford to head the council which seeks equal job rights for Negroes, said, "A moment of decision has come for each of us and for our community and State."

In a speech to the Raleigh Kiwanis Club, he said, "Jobs are the fulcrum on which Negro progress rests."

He cited figures showing that Negroes are far below whites in North Carolina in income levels.

"This poverty and insecurity are particularly appalling to the Negro, who sees the white society that surrounds him grow increasingly affluent while he remains tied to his slum," Coltrane declared.

Automation is making the problem worse, he said, suggesting that the State can ill afford to spend money to provide college training for young Negroes and then force them out of the State to find jobs.

He said, "North Carolina has a great opportunity to demonstrate to the South, the nation and the world both its capacity for orderly change and the extent of its capacity for orderly change and the extent of its faith in its future."

"The North Carolina dream must become a reality. The words of love, good will, neighborliness, brotherhood and of faith have a common ring that surmounts time and place."

Coltrane said much progress has been achieved in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham and Fayetteville, both in desegregation of public facilities and in fair employment.

"Much has been accomplished during the past few months," he declared. "However, there remains much more to be done."